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1. Applicants' amendment filed 5/30/2008 has been fully considered; however, the amendment has not been entered given that it introduces new issues that would require further consideration and/or search.
2. With respect to new issue, claim 1 introduces the new limitation "is a combination of (a) at least one epoxy compound selected from the group consisting of an epoxidized vegetable oil and an epoxidized fatty acid ester with (b) at least one weakly basic compound." Attention is drawn to the qualification of "at least one" for the weakly basic compound. This is not the limitation that was present in claim 2 contrary to applicant's statement that the limitations of claim 2 have been incorporated into claim 1 (see p. 4 of Remarks in applicant's response filed 5/30/08). It is therefore the examiner's position that this raises a new issue since it limits HCl trapping compound to a combination of epoxidized vegetable oil and at least one weakly basic compound. Therefore, amendment would require further consideration and/or search.

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